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SUBJECT: CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 15

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1. ACCORDING TO THE CENTRAL PRESS, THE PZPR POLITBIURO ON FEB 6 CALLED A CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM FOR FEB 15 TO DISCUSS THE "IDEOLOGICAL-EDUCATIONAL TASKS" OF THE PARTY IN CLEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEOPLE'S POLAND.

2. THIS NEW PLENUM IS BEING CALLED LESS THAN A MONTH AFTER THE LAST ONE, WHICH IS UNUSUAL. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS ONE TO SET THE IDEOLOGICAL COURSE

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FOR THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS HAS BEEN IN THE

WORKS FOR SOME TIME AND MAY HAVE BEEN DELAYED TO MAKE WAY FOR MORE URGENT DISCUSSION BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON JAN 18 FO THE GOVERNMENT'S AMBITIOUS NEW PORGRAM OF WAGE AND PRICE INCREASES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT THE NORMALLY WELL-INFORMED YOGUSLAV DCM TOLD US ON THE EVE OF THE LAST PELNUM THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY POLISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE SOURCES THAT IT WOULDDEAL WITH THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, NOT ECONOMIC MATTERS. THIS REINFORCES OUR CONVICTION THAT, ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN WAGE AND PRICE POLICY AHD BEEN UNDER PREPARATION FOR SOME TIME, THE IMPACT OF THE INTER-NATIONAL ENERGY CRISIS ON POLISH ECONOMIC PLANNING FORCED THE PACE OF THE TIMETABLE AND PROBABLY SOME IMPORTANT ADJUSTMENT TO EARLIER PLANS. CURIOSLY, WE NOTETHAT GIEREK SAID IN HIS SPEECH ON JAN 30 TO THE PLENUM OF THE WARSAW PARTY COMMITTEE THAT THE NEXT CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM WOULD DISCUSS A BROAD AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION, AND THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THIS IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FEB 15 PLENUM. POSSIBLY MORE TIME WAS NEEDEDTO PREPARE FOR THE AGRICULTURAL PLENUM AND IT WAS FELT THAT A PLENUM ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CLELBRATION, ALREADY UNDERWAY, COULD NOT BE DELAYED ANY LONGER. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT THE FEB 15 PLENUM WILL DEAL WITH TOPICS BESIDES THE ONE ANNOUNCED.

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